

Armed Forces

Seaman Appren. Jack A. Peres, USCG, 18, son of Mr. John Peres of 25916 Market Place, Lomita, was graduated from basic training at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Alameda, Calif., Sept. 9.

Army Pvt. Ernest L. Enriquez, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Enriquez, and wife, Gloria, live at 510 S. Irena, Redondo Beach, completed a general supply course Aug. 23 at Ft. Ord.

Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Christopher P. Shilinga, USN, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shilinga of 2903 Blaisdell Ave., Redondo Beach, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock on Yankee Station off the coast of North Vietnam.



WILLIAM J. BARNES
Cadet William J. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Barnes of 424 W. 214th St., is one of more than 850 cadets who have entered their sophomore year at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Pvt. Clayton C. Gorbet, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gorbet of 2156 W. 240th St., Lomita, completed with honors a four-week medical supply procedures course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., August 20.

Sgt. Gary L. Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Parry of 556 Desford St., has been graduated from a U.S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He was trained as a helicopter mechanic.



FRED L. MATTHEWS
Cadet Fred L. Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Matthews of 1800 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, is one of more than 850 cadets who have entered their sophomore year at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Airman James F. Mack Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mack of 3217 Gibson Place, Redondo Beach, has been graduated from a U.S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

Airman Thomas A. Grettum Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Grettum Sr. of 4239 Artesia Blvd., is on duty at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam.

The airman, a 1966 graduate of North High School, has studied at El Camino College. His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson of 16610 Falda Avt.

Staff Sgt. Donald E. Armstrong, son of Mrs. Harold E. Ballard of 804 Crenshaw Blvd., is on duty at Da Nang AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Armstrong, an administrative supervisor, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

Before his arrival in Vietnam, he was assigned to Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Army Pvt. John C. Perdon, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eisse Perdon of 2244 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, completed a field communications crewman course Aug. 30 at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Fireman Appren. Roger A. Benton, USN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Benton of 3909 W. 186th St., and Fireman Appren. Victor L. Cafarchia, USN, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Cafarchia of 2255 W. 229th Place, are serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock on Yankee Station off the coast of North Vietnam.

Army Pvt. James R. Perkins, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Perkins of 20709 Budlong, completed a wheeled vehicle mechanic course Aug. 23 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Seaman Appren. Ronald B. Jordan, USN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Jordan of 106 E. 227th St., is serving with U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eight (MCB-8) in South Vietnam.



ANTHONY J. GRASSO
Airman Anthony J. Grasso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Grasso of 2325 W. 182nd St., has been assigned to the U.S. Naval Station, Port Hueneme, Calif., for specialized schooling as an Air Force construction specialist. Airman Grasso is a 1966 graduate of North High School and also studied at El Camino College.

Anthony J. Abruscato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome G. Abruscato of 18818 Font-hill Ave., was promoted to Army specialist four Aug. 28 while assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

A clerk in Company B of the division's 124th Maintenance Battalion, he entered the Army in October, 1967. He was last stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

The 20-year-old soldier graduated in 1965 from North High School and attended El Camino College.

Leland J. Wingard, son of Mrs. Margat Winters, 4121 W. 183rd St., was promoted to Army specialist four Aug. 28 while assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

An armorer in Company B of the division's 124th Maintenance Battalion, he entered the Army in October, 1967, and was last stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. graduated in 1965 from North High School and attended El Camino College.

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LAUNCH CAMPAIGN . . . Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (second from left) is flanked by top campaign leaders as he launches his bid for re-election to the 67th Assembly District seat. With the Torrance Democrat are Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley (at left), Redondo Beach Councilman David K. Hayward, and Redondo Beach City Manager Francis Hopkins. Hayward was host for a kickoff luncheon attended by some 25 members of the Townsend campaign committee.

Crime Report Given

Crime statistics for the 1967-1968 period were released by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess in his Department's Annual Crime Statistics Report. This report is a comprehensive statistical analysis of criminal activity in that portion of Los Angeles County that is the exclusive patrol jurisdiction of the Sheriff.

The total number of major offenses reported last year was 51,300, a 14 per cent increase over 1966-1967. Crime increased in all seven major categories with forcible rape and robbery leading the way.

Crimes against persons totaled approximately 5,330, up 11 per cent over the previous year. They include homicide, forcible rape, and aggravated assault.

Crimes against property comprise almost 84 per cent of the total index crimes reported and, as a group, increased 14 per cent to over 43,200.

Robbery is a combination crime against both property and person. This type of crime increased 19 per cent over last year.

The number of adults arrested increased almost 28 per cent, with one fourth of them for drunkenness.

There was a 28 per cent increase in juveniles arrested, with more than one fourth of these arrests being of non-criminal behavior.

Area Entrants Win Fair Blue Ribbons

First-place winners in the domestic arts show at the Los Angeles County Fair which opened recently includes exhibitors from Torrance and Lomita, it was announced today by Fair officials.

First place winners from Torrance are:

Mrs. Lenora Bradley, 1900 West Carson St., petit point pictures, two firsts; Edwin H. Kimball, 117 East 220th St., antique majolica plate; Ann Kustich, 915 Beech Ave., antique glass celery tray, pitcher and spoon holder; Mrs. Lucy M. Matson, 4322 West 176th St., cotton quilt; Sandor Mildovich, 18407 Wilton Place, metalcraft lamp; Mrs. Marty Swan-

son, 1502 East Carson St., knitted skirt and overblouse and knitted dress; Viola H. Wheeler, 2442 West 235th St., women's crocheted slippers; and, Margie Woelp, 23321 La Mour Court, dresser scarf, pillow cases, table runner, and tray cloth.

First place winners from Lomita were:
Helen Chitwood, 1903 West 261st St., chair seat on chair; Joe Kuska, 24201 Walnut, antique Tiffany glass; and, Mrs. Nellie Kuska, 24201 Walnut, Parian or Bisque article.

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

For nearly a decade, the great debate between broadcasters and politicians has centered on two little words: equal time. The law says if broadcasters let one on, they must let 'em all on.

Many people were under the impression that the Presidential election of 1960 was between the Democrats and the Republicans but there were 17 other parties with candidates — including the Greenback Party's Whitney Harp Slocumb and the American Vegetarian Party's Symon Gould.

THE NETWORKS say the equal-time rule should apply to major parties only. Had it not been for a special amendment to the rule, the Nixon-Kennedy debates of 1960 would have been impossible and the networks would have limited the Presidential broadcasts to paid political programs to avoid harassment by the 17 other parties.

There are those who disagree because they believe the need to listen to all arguments is a vital part of the process of self-government. Many educational stations have effectively operated on this principal for many years — even when faced by dozens of candidates for local office. But educational channels aren't involved in the intricacies that face the major commercial networks.

In 1961, CBS's Frank Stanton expressed the network view: "It is not a question of what is in the interest of a particular candidate. It is not a question of what is in the interest of broadcasters. The one, the only, valid standard is whether the public was served."

IN THIS presidential election there will be George

Wallace's "third" party, the Peace and Freedom group and there's the possibility of another party now that the Democrats have demonstrated they can't please everybody in the country on the same ticket.

It won't be easy for the networks this fall, whether the equal-time ruling is suspended or not, but their past record in the area of political information has been a good one. The executives who guide their policies are far more careful when it comes to news than they are when deciding what kind of entertainment to put on the air.

It is generally agreed that any suspension of the equal-time rules lies in the hands of Lyndon Johnson and the Democratic Congress — neither one of whom have been enthusiastic about Humphrey's television image.

Singing Lessons

A new series of "Bel Canto" singing lessons are currently being offered by voice teacher Adrian Rosati.

Free lessons are offered on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lomita Recreation Center; Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA; Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the San Pedro - Peninsula YWCA; and from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rowley Park, Gardena.

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